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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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Read—the following papers :—

I

G.O., Nos. 293, 294, Educational, dated 19th May 1911.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., Acting Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 12th April 1911.
No.—1822/11.

With reference to the Notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 4th April 1911 declaring that the 3rd June 1911 shall be a public holiday on account of King's birthday, I have the honour to suggest that, as this day falls in the school vacation, some other day may be fixed for colleges and schools. In previous years, a holiday was granted on the 9th November for colleges and schools to celebrate the King-Emperor's birthday—*vide* G.O., No. 707, Educational, dated 18th October 1907. Since the actual birthdays of the present King and Queen and Prince of Wales all fall within the school holidays, I would suggest that the 9th November is the most appropriate and suitable date.

Order—No. 293, Educational, dated 19th May 1911.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. L. DAVIDSON, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.
Dated—Ootacamund, the 19th May 1911.
No.—294.

I am directed to address you on the subject of granting a holiday for schools and colleges on account of the King-Emperor's birthday.

2. In Home Department letter No. 2071, Public, dated 8th August 1907, the Government of India observed that there was no recognised holiday for schools on the King-Emperor's birthday, as the day fixed for the official celebration thereof generally fell in the school vacations and suggested that all schools and colleges should be granted a holiday on the 9th November which was the actual birthday of His Majesty the late King-Emperor of India. In the current year the actual birthday of His Majesty the present King-Emperor as well as the day fixed for its official celebration both fall within the school holidays and the question has been raised whether a separate holiday should not be granted to all schools and colleges and, if so, on what day. As the question affects the whole of India, I am to submit it for the orders of the Government of India with an expression of the opinion of the Governor in Council that the 9th November would form the most appropriate and suitable date for such a holiday.

II

G.O., No. 429, Educational, dated 3rd July 1911.

Read—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. SHARP, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (Education).
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
Dated—Simla, the 2nd June 1911.
No.—771.

I am directed to reply to your letter No. 294, dated the 19th May 1911, regarding the King-Emperor's birthday, and to say that the matter is under consideration by the Government of India.

Order—No. 429, Educational, dated 3rd July 1911.

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(True Extract.)

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III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. SHARP, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (Education).
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
Dated—Simla, the 13th July 1911.
No.—1006.

With reference to the correspondence ending with the letter from this department No. 771, dated the 2nd June 1911, I am directed to address you with reference to the subject of a holiday and celebrations in educational institutions on the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the King-Emperor.

2. It is probable that the actual anniversary, viz., the 3rd June, falls within the summer vacation of many institutions. Where this is not the case, the day should be observed as a holiday and may be marked by such celebrations as His Excellency the Governor in Council may consider desirable. In the case of institutions which are enjoying vacation at that date, a day may be added, if the Government of Madras think fit, to the vacation.

3. As, however, many institutions are likely to be closed and as the hot season is not favourable to general celebrations, it is thought that in the current year, the day on which it is proposed to hold an Imperial Durbar at Delhi, viz., December 12th, should also be recognised as a holiday in all educational institutions and that suitable celebrations should be held upon that date.

I am to suggest that, if His Excellency in Council has no objection, he will issue orders regarding the nature of these celebrations including the distribution of medals proposed in my letter No. 719, dated 30th May 1911, which was communicated to you under Education Department endorsement Nos. 720—728 of the same date.

4. I am to add that the Government of India are disposed to consider that in succeeding years the 12th December should be observed as a permanent holiday and day of loyal celebrations in all educational institutions, and that it be designated "Durbar Day". They would be glad to have the views of His Excellency in Council upon this point.

5. Finally, I am to say that the arrangement indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this letter are intended to supersede all previous orders on this subject.

Order—No. 539, Educational, dated 4th August 1911.

With reference to his letter R.C. No. 1822/11, dated 12th April 1911, the Director of Public Instruction will be informed that the Government of India have decided that where the actual anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the King-Emperor, viz., the 3rd June, falls within the summer vacation of any educational institution, a day may be added to the vacation and that in other cases the 3rd June should itself be observed as a holiday and may be marked by such celebrations as may be considered desirable.

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3. The Government of India also suggest that in succeeding years the 12th of December should be observed as a permanent holiday and day of loyal celebrations in all educational institutions and that it should be designated "Durbar Day". The Director of Public Instruction will be requested at a very early date to state his views regarding this suggestion.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Public Department (with copy of notes).
" Local and Municipal Department (para. 1 and 2 only).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 539, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
4TH AUGUST 1911.

[SUBJECT.—*Celebration of the King's birthday in Educational Institutions.*]

I

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 1822, dated 12th April 1911.

The Director of Public Instruction suggests that, as the day fixed for the official G.O., No. 303, Public, dated 24th March 1911, celebration of the King's birthday, namely, the 3rd June 1911, falls in the school vacation, the 9th of November may be fixed as a holiday for schools and colleges on account of the King's birthday. It is for consideration whether the Director's suggestion may be accepted. Please see India's letter on page 2 of G.O., No. 707, Educational, dated 18th October 1907.

T.K.—21-4-11.

The papers may first be sent unofficially to the Public department for remarks.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-4-11.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—24-4-11.

To the Public department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The actual birthday of His Majesty the King-Emperor falls on the 3rd June and G.O., No. 303, Public, dated 24th March 1911, a general holiday has accordingly been notified on that day. In the case, however, of the late Emperor, the actual birthday was the 9th November and as the general holiday fell during the recess of the schools, a holiday on the 9th November was granted for the schools. It appears, therefore, necessary that India should be addressed. The file may now be returned to Educational.

C.R.S.—24-4-11.

N.K.—29-4-11.

It seems necessary to take the orders of the Government of India, as the same holiday will have to be observed in all schools throughout India.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—1-5-11.

To the Educational department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft letter to India is submitted for approval.

T.K.—12-5-11.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—13-5-11.

The draft is for approval.

L. DAVIDSON—15-5-11.

I agree. His Excellency should see before issue.

M. H[AMMICK]—16-5-11.

L. DAVIDSON—17-5-11.

A. L[AWLEY]—18-5-11.

Issue.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—19-5-11.

[G.O., Nos. 293, 294, Educational, dated 19th May 1911.]

II

From the Government of India, Department of Education, No. 1006, dated 13th July 1911.

Public must see this paper. I don't see what proposals the Director of Public Instruction can make as to the nature of the celebrations to be held on the 12th December. He has no funds. He can simply order a holiday. As to sports and feeding the children of primary schools, I presume Government may allot a sum, but, if so, it will be given, I imagine, through Collectors and they will arrange for local celebrations. Also local subscriptions may be raised, but, if so, the Collector and his subordinates will start the matter—not the Educational department.

The order will not, I think, do. We must settle on some definite line ourselves and not leave it to the Director of Public Instruction.

The paper should be marked *urgent* as we have not much time. Perhaps it would be well to have it brought to next Council if one is to be held on Friday.

M. H[AMMICK]—26-7-11.

To the Public department.

L. DAVIDSON—27-7-11.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Please see the linked file which contains papers about the Coronation celebrations of 1902. The Government of India propose issuing a resolution similar to that issued in August 1902 indicating the lines which the celebrations are to follow.

2. The resolution of 1902 prescribed among other things the giving of "entertainments to the school children at, at all events, the head-quarters of each Local Government and Administration." The Government of India then hoped that

it would be found possible to arrange for such entertainments at other places also. The cost of these entertainments, the Government of India considered, "ought to be met from the funds of local bodies and the liberality of private individuals who cannot better demonstrate their loyalty . . ."

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3. A special grant of Rs. 1,000 was made in aid of the Coronation festivities in Madras City, which included entertainments to school children.

Paragraph 6 of Government of India's letter in G.O., No. 913, Public, dated 15th September 1902.

See also G.O., No. 1131-A, dated 11th November 1902.

H.T.—27-6-11.

Sports and treats for school children formed everywhere a part of the programme on the former occasion—*vide* pages 44—56 of G.O., No. 524, Public, dated 12th June 1903. A similar procedure may be followed this year and instructions to this effect issued in the proposed circular to Collectors. But the Government of India have not issued their resolution on the subject yet. There is a proposal to distribute Coronation medals amongst school children this year.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—27-7-11.

It certainly seems desirable that the control of the "rejoicings" should be kept in the hands of one department or we shall have confusion and overlapping. The Public department are awaiting the receipt of the Government of India's resolution on the subject and I would suggest that no orders should issue from the Educational department until the general scheme of rejoicings is settled by Educational and Public departments in consultation.

H. A. STUART—27-7-11.

To the Educational department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Educational may accept Public's conclusion, I submit.

L. DAVIDSON—28-7-11.

Yes. But the Government of India want a reply to paragraph 4 and we had better make a reference at once to the Director of Public Instruction on this point and reply. Please do this. The reply is almost certain to be in the affirmative, but we had better ask the Director of Public Instruction first.

2. The celebration for the year had better be arranged and ordered in Public.

M. H[AMMICK]—29-7-11.

A revised draft is submitted for approval. Paragraph 1 of the draft relates to the observance of the King's birthday in schools and answers a question specially raised by the Director of Public Instruction. In paragraph 2, no reference is made to the celebrations to be held in schools on the Delhi Durbar Day, and it is stated that orders on this subject will issue separately. If approved, the revised draft may issue with the concurrence of the Public department.

T.K.—31-7-11.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—31-7-11.

To the Public department.

L. DAVIDSON—1-8-11.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The draft may be accepted in this department.

2. Educational department may be asked to send this department a copy of these notes.

H.T.—1-8-11.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—2-8-11.

H. A. STUART—3-8-11.

To the Educational department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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L. DAVIDSON—4-8-11.

[G.O., No. 539, Educational, dated 4th August 1911.]

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G.O., No. 429 Edcl., dated 2nd July 1911.

Gen. No. 1750 from the Govt., of India, No. 1006 dated 18th July 11.

Circd in Box No 24.

H.M.

ORDER :-
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To the D.P.I.
,, the Public Department.
,, the L.M. Department (Paras 1 & 2 only)

Again G.O.No.293-294, Edl., dated 19--5-1911.
429 " " 3--6-1911.

Also G.No.1756, from the Govt. of India, No.1006, dated 13--7--1911.

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